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Docket No.: 49959-167

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Gilad ALMOGY, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3817
Serial No.: 09/641,137 ✓ : Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: August 16, 2000 : Allowed: December 23, 2003
Examiner: H. Pham
For: VARIABLE ANGLE ILLUMINATION WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM

LETTER UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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Sir:

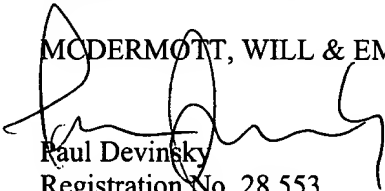
Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed December 23, 2003.

The Examiner's Amendment (copy attached) indicates that claims 15-34 have been cancelled and that authorization for this cancellation was given by Mr. William D. Pegg (Reg. No. 42,988) on December 11, 2003. The number of cancelled claims is incorrect and should read **25-34**. Mr. Pegg authorized the cancellation of 25-34 directed to the non-elected invention.

It is respectfully requested that a Supplemental Examiner's Amendment be mailed correcting this error and that the records of the Patent Office be corrected to ensure that the deed of Letters Patent will be printed correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William D. Pegg (Reg. No. 42988) on 12/11/2003.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 15-34.

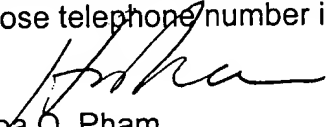
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa Q. Pham whose telephone number is (703) 308-4808. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G. Font can be reached on (703) 308-4881. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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December 11, 2003